BCM has been developed for use. With the help of these storages and other minor irrigation schemes an irrigation potential of about 100 Mha is likely to have been created by the end of the Ninth Plan against the ultimate irrigation potential of 139.9 Mha in the country.

As a long term measure National Water Development Agency of Government of India have formulated National Perspective Plan for water resources development which envisages interlinking between various Peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins. Government of India is also promoting rain water harvesting through Watershed Management Programme, artificial recharge of ground water and roof-top rain water harvesting under the sector reform project of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme under the Ministry of Rural Development, for which technical and financial assistance is provided to the State Government and other implementing agencies. Central Ground Water Board has also taken up pilot studies for artificial ground water recharge. Assistance is also extended to State Governments under Command Area Development Programme for bridging the gap between potential created and utilised. For early completion of ongoing irrigation projects Government of India is extending central loan assistance to State Governments under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme. The National Water Policy (1987) has been evaluated in the light of various shortcomings and emerging challenges including decline in water availability. The revised National Water Policy draft is now awaiting approval of the National Water Resources Council for adoption.

Modernisation of KC Canal

1771. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sought assistance for modernisation of KC Canal for execution of medium irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):(a) to (c) No proposal has been received by the Union Government from the Government of Andhra Pradesh seeking assistance for modernization of K.C. Canal. However, K.C. Canal is receiving assistance from JBIC, Japan. Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) is being released the Union Government for those major medium irrigation projects which are in advance stage of construction and not receiving financial assistance from other external and domestic agencies. 6 medium irrigation projects of Andhra Pradesh have so far received CLA amounting to Rs. 63.89 crores under AIBP.

Fresh irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh

1772. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Water Commission has cleared certain fresh irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh for getting World Bank loan;

(b) if so, the amount of loan;

(c) the irrigation projects to be financed with this loan; and

(d) by when, the loan is likely to be materialise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY):(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.